

**REMARKS**

Claims 23, 24, 35, 62-69 and 71-78 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-22, 25-24, 26-61, and 70 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 23, 24, and 35, are allowed, and that claims 62 and 71 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution, without in any way acquiescing in the Examiner's rejections of the other claims, Applicants have rewritten claims 62 and 71 in independent form, and have made the remaining pending claims dependent therefrom. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter canceled from this application.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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